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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**PETER KUSHNER, PAUL WEBB, RENEE
WILILARD, C. ANTHONY HUNT, and
GABRIELLA LOPEZ**

Application No.: 09/729,478

Filed: 12/04/2000

For: **METHODS FOR SCREENING
COMPOUNDS FOR ESTROGENIC
ACTIVITY**

Examiner: Elizabeth Kemmerer, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1646

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
- 2) A Sequence Listing on a disc and a paper copy of the sequence listing;
- 3) A copy of the Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;

Please amend the specification and claims as follows

In the Specification.

After the specification, please insert the accompanying sequence listing (pages 1-10).

Delete the paragraph at page 10, lines 6-10, and insert the following:

--The reporter gene for the classical estrogen response system contains an estrogen response element (ERE) upstream of the target promoter and capable of regulating that promoter. In a